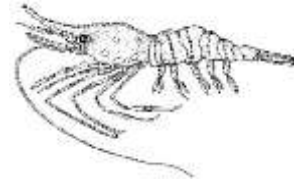


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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E
COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY
GEAR LIMITS AND HOURS OF GEAR OPERATION INCREASED
EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-04-13**

Gear limits in the Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishery are increased to a maximum of **50 pots per vessel** for all open areas and hours of gear operation are increased from **6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., effective 6:00 a.m. June 12.**

The fourth period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 a.m. May 6 and will close when the 66,300 lb guideline harvest level (GHL) is achieved or on September 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order. Because 5 AAC 31.214 limits harvest in any one statistical area to no more than 25% (16,575 lb) of the overall GHL, statistical areas will be closing independently within the open area.

Currently, the reported harvest from the fourth period is approximately 7,645 lb harvested by 20 vessels in 59 landings. Overall season harvest is approximately 39,015 lb harvested by 42 vessels in 152 landings. Average catch per unit effort (CPUE) is 1.72 lb of whole shrimp per pot. Approximately 16,567 lb has been harvested from statistical area 476036 and this statistical area will remain closed for the duration of the season. Approximate harvest totals from individual statistical areas are: 9,018 lb from 476101, 6,597 lb from 476033, 5,530 lb from 476035, 1,303 lb from 476034 and 0 lb from 466033.

Fishermen are reminded that in addition to logbook and landing requirements, **all participants must call ADF&G at (907) 424-7215 on Wednesday before noon and report any harvest that occurred on Monday and Tuesday, using the shrimp harvest report form.**

Other regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2012-2015 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book. These are available at department offices in Cordova, Homer and Anchorage, or online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/MiscShellfish-2012-2015.pdf>.

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